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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Major ~~Part~~ B for May 1893

SUBJECT.

Complaint of Municipal & Bazar Cases about Mian burial grou

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requiring consideration are:—
1st of the Idga — While at the
Civil Settlement acres 8 of land
was allotted for the Idga, the
Town Improvement Committee propose
to allot acres 4 2 for the purpose.
The No of persons expected to
meet there (two a year) is about 3500 according
to the Dy Com[r]s estimate, & not 15000
as stated by Petrs — There is thus
no cause for complaint

2nd of the present burial
ground & the selection of a new
site for ground — The present ground
is not yet closed. It ought to be
closed for the reasons urged by
the Dy Com[r]s. The proposed site
for the new burial ground does
seem to be still under consi-
deration — The final decision
of the Town Imp. Committee on the
point may be awaited

3rd proposal to pay compensation
to the Mahomedan Community
The claim to consideration
was not urged in
their petitions.

Subd. to Councillor.
7/2

Vide my query on Rep[t]
No 7532 ——

Resubmitted with
File of 82 Conf
9/4/93

8/2/93

From

The Press

Civil & Mund Commissioner

Bangalore

To, The Chief Secretary
to the Govt of Mysore

Dated 4th January 1893.

No 161 Encl 1 file & 2 plans

Subject

Submitting report
as called for, on the com-
plaint of the Musalman
of the Bangalore in regard
to the action taken by the
Municipality about their
Burial ground &c

To the Secretary
No 13792 dated 9/12/92
Rs 47 8 0

E & S Branch
Earl
5/1/93
Recd 7/1/93

I think it will be better to pass
orders upon these letters & the
annexed letters of the Commissioners in
consideration of the City Improvement Committee
Report. The
deputation of these Committee may perhaps be able to effect
an amicable settlement —
Orders to an early submission of the Committee's Report.
GWF 10/2/93

(General Serial No. 30)

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From The President
City Improvement Committee

L2142

Dated 10th April 1893

Despatched

Received 13/4

Enclosures No. 4 + a sketch + a plan.

General No. 64 C.I

No.

Stating that the Committee consider that the present Mahomedan Burial Ground should be closed and that it should be removed to the site originally selected by the Municipality.

L.S. Moore
12/4

Secretary.

On a perusal of the Report of the President of the C.I. Improvement Committee I am satisfied that as the interests of the Municipality & Town extension it is necessary to close the existing burial ground & that this is being done in a manner as little obnoxious as possible to the feelings of the Mahomedan Community. The petitioners have greatly exaggerated some circumstances, while the President of the C.I. Committee have on their extraordinary consideration, tried to conciliate them in every possible manner. It is to be regretted that petitioners have not met them in a similar friendly manner. It is to be hoped that the sensible compromise offered by their leaders (among whom are the two Mahomedan members of the Municipal Committee) in the matter will however be given due weight & consideration by them, the latter selected by the Municipality in that respect. If the former selected the Burial ground it will be the duty of the C.I. Committee to take steps to see that the drainage of the new burial ground from its flow towards water-courses. The petitioners have no claim to compensation, does not fall within the purview of the petition

L.P. 12/4

Considered

12/93 yes

5 95

Mk. 467-92 No. 2403 254.92 Serial 1 Encls 3

FROM

THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 16th. July 1892

SIR,

I am directed to forward for disposal the accompanying petition dat 6th July 1892 from Ahmed Sahib and others, complaining against the action of the Bangalore City Municipality in the matter of City extension.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

First Assistant to the Resident.

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(General Serial No 30)

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From

Section [illegible]
No 14[illegible]
Serial No [illegible]

To
The President of the
Bangalore City Corpy

Dated 22
Despatched July 1892
Received

Enclosures No. three.

General No. 1153
No. L. 748-92

L 76.

From the Same
1610 4-1-93 L 1218

In forwarding herewith copy of letter dated 16th July 1892 etc $\frac{2403}{2544}$ from the 1st Assistant to the Resident in Mysore together with its enclosure in original, to be returned, requests that the President will be good enough to fully investigate & report upon the complaint of the petitioners as regards the various plots of land acquired by the City Municipality for the Improvement of the town

By order

Petition from Ahmed Saheb & others

The enclosed petition from Sundry merchants & Bangalore &c is forwarded to the Dr Comr of Bangalore for investigation & early report

J.P.

J.P.

L 1218 — City Municipal Office
1 file + 2 plans. 13 & Bangalore
5 Dated 24th December 189
4th January 1893
En Pr 2142

From

The President
City Municipal Comm^r
Bangalore

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore

Sir,

I have the honor to return the enclosures of your No V 1153/48-92 dated 22nd July 1892 calling on me to report on the complaint of the mussalmans of Bangalore in regard to the action taken by the Bangalore Municipality about their Burial-Ground etc

2 The Government is aware of the Western Extension. The complaint is generally a protest against it, which cannot of course be heeded But

there are a few specific instances
of alleged hardship which require
notice. The Petitioners enclose a
sketch of the Western Extension in
which they have shewn their sacred
places with which they allege the
Municipality propose to interfere
I shall refer to them seriatim

3 I enclose a sketch of the
locality prepared by our Engineer

4 No I is the Idga where
the Mussalmáns assemble twice
a year for about a couple of hours
on each occasion to say their prayers
We have left out 4·06 acres of land
which I consider to be quite ample
for the purpose The Mussalman
population of the City is 10472
of which more than 2/3 are not
expected to attend as women and
very young children & not
Indeed take part in Public worship

N° II is the burial ground.
The present Space enclosed for b
is coloured green in the Engineer's
Sketch When the Western Extension
is built on and inhabited it will
be absolutely necessary to prohibit
burials here It is therefore proposed
to remove it to a place beyond
the Idga It is about 4 furlongs
off and when the Western Extension
is built on, the new Burial ground
will not be farther from the in-
habited town than the present one is
at present The closing of existing
burial grounds is a contingency
which the inhabitants of growing
towns in a civilized country must
be prepared for There is no use
in contending against an inevitable
Besides in the present case, there
is another reason why that the present
grounds

ground is already over-crowded with graves. To dig out the bones of the dead for the reception of fresh dead bodies ought to strike the petitioners themselves as sacrilegeous if they are aware what respect their religion demands for the dead. There is a piece of vacant ground beyond the boundary. It cannot of course be allowed to be used for burials. It is not however appropriated for house sites and will be kept open.

6 The Sketch will shew you that the neighbourhood of the Idgah and the Burial ground is reserved for Mussalman houses.

7 The chief objection of the Mussalmans (deputations of whom have met me several times) is, that proposed Burial ground is in the

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Scope of distance, which I have al
ready replied to Another objection
is that the soil is hard and the
cost of digging will tell hard on
the poor There is some truth in it
But the difference of a few annas
or perhaps of pies ought to yield
to the serious Sanitary objection
to the Continuance of the present
ground There is however a real
objection to the proposed ground
viz that it drains into the Govern-
ment Distillery Tank I am going
to refer that question to the new
City Improvement Committee

8 It is to be noted that burial
in the present ground have not
as yet been prohibited

9 Numbers III IV, & V. are altogether
outside the Western Extension

10 Numbers VI and VII will not be
interfered

"interfered" with They are at present
close proximity to what is called
the Pioneer cherri. The future houses
will not be a less respectable
neighbourhood In this connection
it is idle to talk of the animosity
between Hindus and Mussalmans.
Such Darga's abound in Hindu
neighbourhoods everywhere.
11 There is however one point
which the petitioners do not refer
to in the petition and which they
have mentioned — to me They
claim the whole of the vacant
land in the neighbourhood of the
Idga and the Burial ground as
theirs. When Muhammadan Burial
grounds within the City were
closed that Community was given
a land instead The petitioners
allege that that land was for ever
the whole area The Sub Register

that the following lands were reserved at the 9 Revenue Survey.

Village	Survey No	Extent Acres Guntas	
Bhogenahalli	2	7—3	Burial
Guttahalli	40	10—5	ground
Bhogenahalli	3	1—9	Idgah
	Total	18. 17	

Of this we have now reserved

	Acres Cents.
for the Idgah	4. 06
for the Burial ground	6. 10
Total	10. 16.

Thus we have taken up 8.265 acres of land. We are giving them fresh land for burials, but burn grounds according to custom are reserved by the Government free of Cost to the Community concerned. As the ground which we have taken up was once given by the Government free of cost for a Specific purpose for which it was not used, the Government has every right to resume it without paying

any Compensation But it is advisable to conciliate a fanatical class of people and for this purpose I take the liberty to suggest that the value of 8.265 acres at the rate at which we have acquired land in the neighbourhood viz Rs100 per acre, may be ordered to be held in trust for the benefit of the future Burial ground It may be left in the hands of the Municipality or to a Committee composed of the President of the Municipality as President, and the City Kazi, and one more Mussalman gentleman as members

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Hon Secretary

President

Municipality

(General Serial No. 30.)

1893.

From

The President
City Muni Commission
To Bangalore

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore

Dated 14th January 1893

Despatched 16/1

Received 17/1

Enclosures No. 1

General No D 184
No.

To the same re
No 1792-3 9/3/93
L 40-92

Sir,

With reference to a your memo No 9304 dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to report that the subject matter of the petition has been disposed of in this office No 161 dated 4th Instant

Enclosure returned

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

Imtiaz Ali
President

L B/Sr
Mrn
7/1. BG 15 Jany

(1) Mysore ... 93
(2) Has petitioner ... Land ... Bangalore ... 93

Submd
(1) Observing 1376-8 has an order issued on the petition of Ameer Hussain & others dated 10 Dec 92 granting them 2 ... Similar orders were issued in favour of Ameer Hussain & others on the 7th inst. Draft ... for signature
(2) It has petitioner & others applied for the Land ... Bangalore ... 93

7 File Re 48 of 1892
Lately submitted pr
MRK
7/2/93

As mr Ameer Hussain's petition is disposed of by the Dewan's order dated 4th Inst. in L 1347 of 1892 made thereon, the subject matter of this letter may be filed

I have (a the first time the order in this file 1376-8 of 26 Dec 92
7 82-92
of this day. It did not come into me before upon
BG

Section Mis. 23
File No 14 — 92
Serial No

Read:—

Letter ~~Docket~~ dated 4th January 1893 No 16 & 18 respectively from the President of the Bangalore City Municipality reporting on the complaint of ~~the~~ Mussulmans of Bangalore in regard to the action taken by the Bangalore City Municipality about their burial grounds &c

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~~Order thereon~~

The papers read above together with their enclosures, as noted in the margin, are forwarded ~~for~~ ~~as~~ ~~a copy~~ ~~of~~ ~~of~~ ~~to~~ to the Secretary of the Town Improvement Committee for the consideration of the Committee and an early expression of their opinion on the complaint referred to.

~~by the Mussulmans~~ ~~It is hoped~~ of the Committee ~~that~~ the President may ~~also~~ ~~be able to~~ effect an amicable settlement in the matter

13/2

Chief Secretary

To
The President of the Bangalore City Municipality
Secy of the Town Improvement Committee
with 2 Petitions sketch plan and Presidents Lett

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9 13/1/2/93

Re: Fire

Petition of 6/7/92 addressed to the President
" etc 1355 of 3/12/92 addressed to this office
Presidents etc 16 of 24/12/92 with sketch plan
" 184 of 14/1/93

* a copy of this is sent herewith 16/2/93

From Prest Ci by Secy
Committee 640/10.4.93
L2142

Office of the City Municipal Comm.

Bangalore the 11th April 1893

4 C.J.

Encl. 4 & 2 Sketch & a plan

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Mund. 14-93

From

The President
City Improvement Committee

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore.

Sir.

With reference to Government Proceedings No. 13792-3/L.J. 4892 dated 17th February 1893 in regard to the Complaint of certain Mussalmans concerning the removal of their burial ground, I have the honor to state that the site allotted to the Mohamedans by the Municipality coloured violet in the accompanying plan was inspected in the presence of the leading & Representative Mohamedans on the morning of the 9th inst. There were two Mohamedan Municipal Commissioners present. The old objection about the distance of the

site selected and hardness of the soil was revised. The Committee were then shown the site coloured blue on the plan and the Mohamedan Community wanted the whole of this to be assigned for the burial ground. This was, I Consider, impossible as the site was too near the road and was required for extension of the City and possibly for military purposes. A compromise was then come to, and it was proposed that the burial ground should be confined to the slope to the north coloured lake on the plan. The drainage of this lies entirely out of the valley from which the water supply of the Distillery is drawn and will not in any way affect the houses that may hereafter be erected on the rising ground coloured green on the plan. Mr Standish does think, that he sees no sanitary objections to the site selected. The Mohamedan Community while accepting the present site as an improvement upon the one selected by the Municipality said that it had the disadvantage of

not being on a high road The Com-
-mittee then proposed that as some
-Compensation they should have a
road laid out to the grave yard as
also the same enclosed by a mud
wall, by a well being sunk for their
use, and a small inexpensive
Mortuary building put up. The Mus-
-salmans agreed to these proposals.
It was resolved that the site should
be marked on the ground and the
proposed road "lachspitted" for
inspection by the Committee and
the leading Mohamedans on the
morning of Saturday the 17th idem.

The Mohamedans who were as-
-sembled that morning repudiated
the Consent given by members of
their Community on the morning
of the 9th march, and being with-
-out a leader were apparently
divided amongst themselves as
to the suitability of the ground
for a burial place and insisted
that the portion marked blue
on the plan should be allotted
to them for burial ground

The Committee, under the circumstances consider that the present burial ground should be closed in the interests of the houses rising on the Western Extension and that it should be removed to the site originally selected by the Municipality. The Municipality may be requested to take the needful steps

Enclosures returned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt servant

[signature]
for President

To

His Highness the Maha Rajah

of Mysore

MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE
PETITION DEPARTMENT
REGTN. NO. 1355 R
DATE 3-12-92

MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE
PETITION DEPARTMENT
REGTN NO 247
DATE 30 DEC 92

We the Inhabitants of Bangalore, and its Suburbs most respectfully and humbly beg to approach and lay before Your Highness the following grievances to which we are subjected by the Bangalore City Municipality, and hope to have all our grievances redressed by Your Highness.

Over a hundred years, we have been performing all our Religious Ceremonies, which cannot be in the commencement and with Toleration by other Religious Institutions, be performed in the city streets, in the open ground between Ganesha, and the Hoskote Place No 1 as shewn in the accompanying map enclosed for Your Highness' kind perusal, is called our Namaggia, and more than 18000 men gather together twice a year to offer up their prayers. No 2 is our burial ground (Kabbarastan) where not less than 500 of our men assemble daily for the purpose of cremating the dead. Place No 3 is the Mugjid where a great many of us meet four times a day to perform our Namaj. The dead of the Nos 4, 5, 6 & 7 are the places where Cow-dung the bones of our holymen or Priests, whose the devotees of these men gather together to perform

pice from the Hathya or daily prayer. The devotees of these priests come from distant places on pilgrimage, and in way of fulfilling their vows offer up prayers and feed the poor. Besides this thousands of our men collect here once a year to perform Tundul and Corous.

Formerly burial places were in 13 different places called Makkams in the Town ship as at Madras, Salem and Vanyambady. When Mr Bowring was the Chief Commissioner of Mysore he with the orders of the Government of India allotted the above named places for our exclusive use, and since then we have been performing all our ceremonies there without let or hindrance to other castes.

But now the Bangalore Municipality have, without giving us any notice and all of a sudden, taken up all our grounds for building the city of Bangalore and by opening out new roads in Nos 2, 6 & 7 of the places in the map, and by allotting building sites in our religious places to other Castemen, they have brought the Christians and the Mahomedans closer together, and these men daily shaking the others religious observances will break the peace and cause much disturbance.

It is impossible for us to remove our bodies &c and go to another place pointed out by them in Madras and other places the burial grounds are in the midst of the Town, and they are allowed to remain there only by the Madras Government.

Hide

Whilst such is the case, why should we go away. Remain at this stage as quite possible for the Bangalore Municipality to leave us where we are, and leave the other Cantonments far away from us, and there some future civil disturbances. Your Highness. Gentlemen knows how such high handedness on the part of Salem Municipality ended, and we are sure that it will no go unheeded, and we are sure that it will no go unnoticed such disturbances here if the Municipality persist in their attempt.

Petitions are presented to the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District, to which we got no replies, nor has he done any thing to prevent the carrying out of the present arrangement.

In conclusion we beg to bring all the facts to your Highness' kind notice and respectfully beg your Honor to just come and inspect the spot and pass such orders as your Honor or majesty deem fit in the matter.

Hoping that your Highness will redress all our grievances

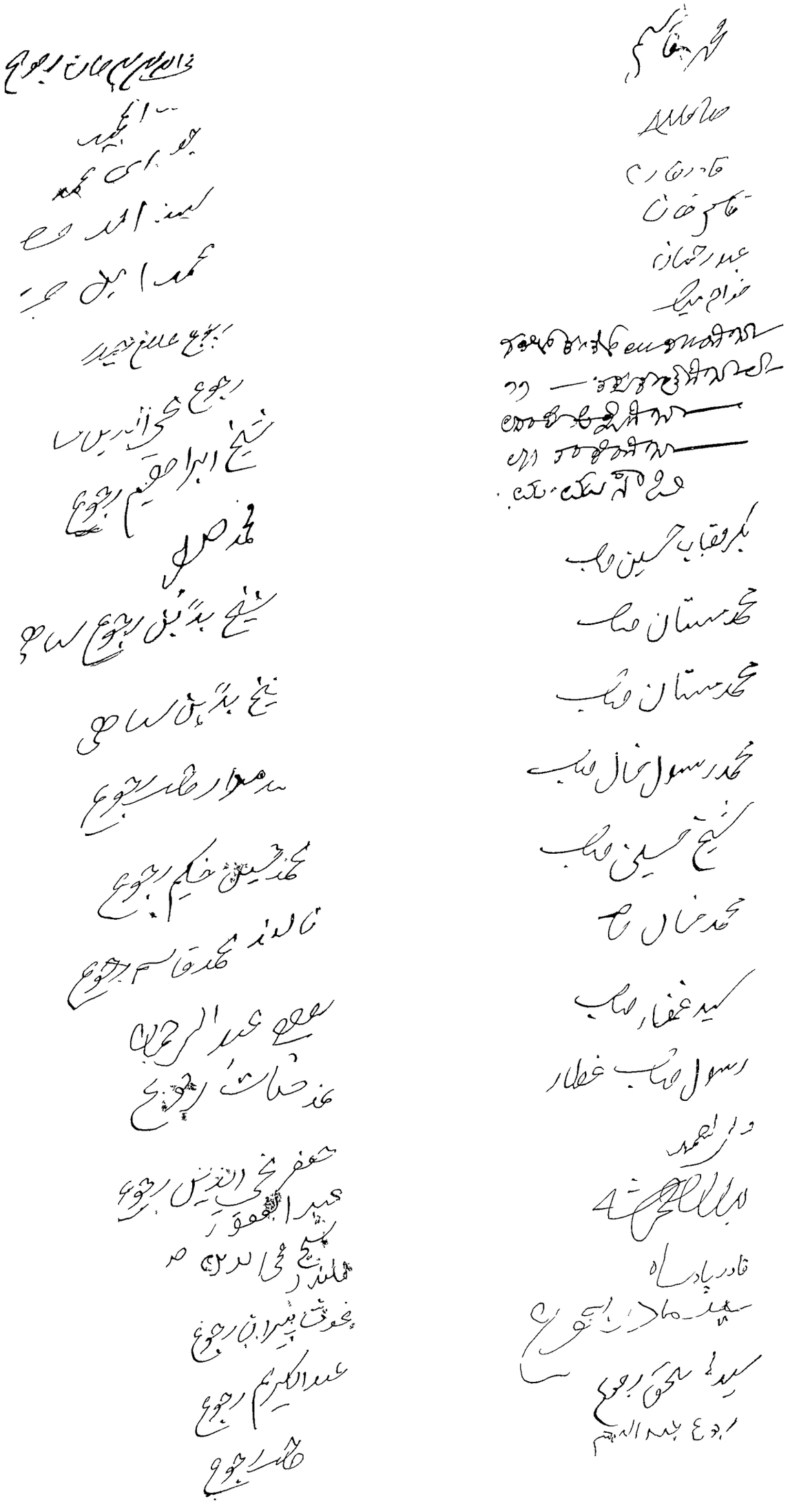
We beg to remain

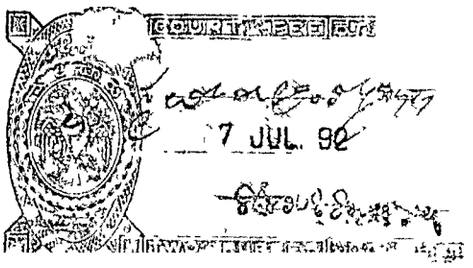
Your Highness

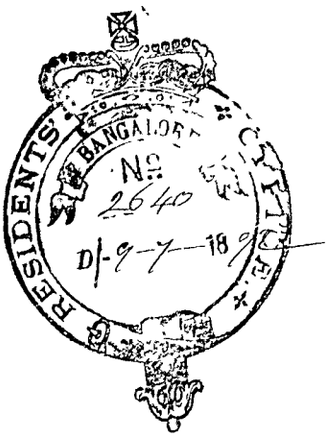
Your Highness' most obedient and humble subjects the Inhabitants

Bangalore
July 1892

Address to
Ismail Shah
Zamboo Bazar
Bangalore City







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To

Colonel Henderson C.S.I
British Resident in Mysore

Most Honored Sir,

We, the Mahomedan Inhabitants of Bangalore and its Suburbs most Respectfully and humbly beg to approach and lay before your Excellency the following grievances to which we are subjected by the Bangalore City Municipality, and hope to have all our grievances redressed by your Excellency

From over a hundred years we have been performing all our Religious Ceremonies which cannot with convenience and without toleration by other religious Institutions, be performed in the City itself, in the open ground between Ganjam, and the Fort Palace No 1, as shewn in the accompanying Map enclosed in your Excellency's kind perusal, to said our Namazga and more than 1500 are gathering together twice a year to offer their prayers - No 2 is our burial ground Kabarastan where not less than

about 500 of our men assemble daily for the purpose of Cremating the dead. Place No 3 is the Masjid where a great many of us meet five times a day to perform our Namaz. The rest of the Nos 4, 5, 6, and 7 are the places where contain the bones of our holy men and Priests, where the Devotees of these men gather together to perform the Fathya or daily prayer. The devotees of these Priests come from distant places on pilgrimage, and in way of fulfilling their vows, offer up prayers and feed the poor. Besides this, thousands of our men collect here once a year to perform Sandal, Koroase

Formerly our burial places were in different places called Kabbans in Town such as at Kalpas, Valeri, and Cundadi. When Sir R. Bowring was the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, he with the orders of the Government of India allotted the above named places for our observances, and since then, we have been performing all our ceremonies there without let or hindrance to other Caste men.

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the spot, and pass such orders as your
Excellency may deem fit on the matter
Hoping that your Excellency will
redress all our grievances

We beg to remain
Most Honored Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient and
humble subjects the Mahomedans

Bangalore
6 July 1892

Address to
1. Ahmed Shaik
Bambay Bazar
2 Yousuf Sahib
3 Abdoor Rahiman
4 Syed Abbas Sahib

P. S. Petitioners have not been produced to the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District to which we got no Replies nor has he done anything to prevent the collusion of the fete and arrangement.

Section
File No 14 — 93
Serial No

Read again letter dated 16th July 1892 cls 240 B / 254-92 from the Assistant to the Resident in Mysore forwarding for disposal Petition cl. 2640 dated 9th Idem from the Mahommadan inhabitants of the Bangalore City Municipality complaining against the Municipal in regard to the action taken by it about the burial grounds &c.

Read letter from the Presidt dated 10th April 1893 cl. 64 reporting on the Petition presented by the sundry Mahomadans of Bangalore

Gd L2460

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L.S. 48.92

9/18/19/5/93

Order thereon

On a perusal of the reports of the Dy Commr and Bangalore President of the City Improvement committee Government are satisfied that in the interests of sanitation and Town extension, it is necessary

close the existing burial ground and that this being done in a manner as little obnoxious as possible to the feelings of the Mahommadan community. The Petitioners have greatly exaggerated their grievances, while the Dy Coms and the President of the City Improvement Committee have shewn them extraordinary consideration, and tried to conciliate them in every possible way. It is to be regretted that Petitioners did not readily assent to the sensible compromise accepted by their leaders (among whom were the two Mahommedan members of the Municipal Commission) in the presence of Rs Madhava Rao. They will however be given a more opportunity of expressing their

and they should intimate within a month, which alternative they prefer, the site selected by the municipality or that suggested by Mr Madhava Rao If the former is selected, the President of the City Improvement Committee ~~is requested~~ will take steps to see that the drainage of the new burial ground is diverted from its flow towards the distillery water works The question of compensation does not arise as Petitioners have not asked for it in the Petition under notice Petitioners will be informed that the old burial ground will be enclosed and reserved, future burials take place in the new ground allotted for the purpose

Endorsement

Issue J.P.